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In response to the Final Office Action dated July 9, 1999, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 9, 1999, please enter the following amendment and reconsider the claims for the reasons presented below. If this response is received on or before September 9, 1999, Applicants request notification of the status of the claims prior to October 9, 1999.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please approve correction of Figures 4 and 5 as shown on attached copies prior to submission of formal drawings.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

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